

Camden County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2008

8:00 A.M.

**Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Chairman Jeffrey B. Jennings
Vice Chairman Philip Faison
Commissioners Melvin J. Jeralds, and Mike Andrews

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall was absent due to illness.

Also attending was County Manager Randell Woodruff, Clerk to the Board Ava Gurganus and County Attorney John S. Morrison.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation - Mrs. Gwen Wescott – Tar Heel Seniors Legislature Delegate

Mrs. Wescott updated the Board on the March meeting of the Tar Heel Seniors Legislature that she attended held at the Holiday Inn Brownstone in Raleigh:

- Fewer delegates attended the Tar Heel Senior Legislature
- Tar Heel Senior Legislature has been in existence 15 years
- Only 25 of 100 North Carolina counties will not have a significant older population
- Tar Heel Senior Legislature meets again in June and October
- Silver Alert for older seniors which is like Amber Alert
- Expressed thanks for the Boards support for the seniors in Camden County

Public Comments

Bill Lehmann, 3137 West Main Street, Elizabeth City, thanked the Board for their effort as an elected body against the Navy OLF and thanked the group leading the charge against the NO OLF fight. Mr. Lehmann stated that the fight would take more than one county and more than a couple of groups. Mr. Lehmann further spoke regarding the Commissioners asking Pasquotank County to join the fight and stated he will ask Pasquotank County to support financially in the fight against the OLF.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called for any comments. Hearing no comments, Chairman Jennings proceeded with the meeting.

Consideration of Agenda

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings removed *Item 3. Consent Agenda, H. Introduce & Set Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 2008-04-01 – Rezoning Application Camden Plantation Properties Inc. – UDO 2007-10-06 for April 21, 2008* from the Consent Agenda and place the item under *Item 6. New Business, D.*

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested *Item 6. New Business, E. Report from County Attorney Regarding Trip to Washington, D.C.* be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

• **Consent Agenda**

March 17, 2008 – Regular Meeting Minutes - subject to correction of typographical and technical errors.

Tax Releases, Pick Ups & Refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>No.</u>
Johnny Tipton	\$132.25	Release	Turned in Plates	9922
Michael Crosby	\$101.84	Release	Military Exempt	9931
Carnell Berry	\$459.54	Pick Up	Roll Back Tax	9879

Proclamation for National Day of Prayer & Use of Historic Courthouse Steps on Thursday, May 1 at 12 Noon

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 1, 2008**

A PROCLAMATION

**BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
CAMDEN, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been part of our country’s heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our Nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, May 1, 2008, marks the 57th consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer, as mandated by both Houses of Congress and by our President in Public Law 100-307; and

WHEREAS, it is good that we acknowledge that we are all God’s handiwork and that it is appropriate to call upon Him in prayer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Camden County Board of Commissioners in Camden, North Carolina, does hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as **“NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER”** in Camden, North Carolina and urge our citizens to join together in their homes, places of work, and places of worship, to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind and to continue in prayer for our State and our Nation.

This the 7th day of April, 2008.

(SEAL)

Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ava J. Gurganus, Clerk to the Board

Proclamation for April 2008 as Fair Housing Month

**PROCLAMATION
FOR
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2008**

WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Federal Housing Act of 1968 and the 25th anniversary of the North Carolina Fair Housing Act. Both laws prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, handicap and familial status; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Northeastern Community Development Corporation, City of Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City State University Community Development Program, Elizabeth City Neighborhood Corp., River City Community Development, and the Albemarle Area Board

of Realtors, county and local governments, concerned citizens and the housing industry, are working to make fair housing opportunities possible for all our citizens. Through their efforts, they are encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important concerns of Camden County citizens is the availability of housing to them as individuals and families. By supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of our County and our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as “**Fair Housing Month**” in Camden County, and urge our citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and citizens are protected against discrimination.

ADOPTED, this 7th day of April 2008.

(Seal)

Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ava Gurganus
Clerk to the Board

Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 13-19, 2008

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELCOMMUNICATIONS WEEK
April 13-19, 2008

WHEREAS, thousands of dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of the United States by answering millions of telephone calls for police, sheriff, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel also include those related to other governmental divisions providing public safety telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, professional public safety telecommunications personnel work to improve the emergency response capabilities of the agencies within the communication systems through their leadership and participation in training programs and other activities provided and promoted by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA); and

WHEREAS, APCO and NENA are organizations of nearly 26,000 persons internationally engaged in the design, installation and operation of emergency response telecommunication systems, has set aside the third week of April to recognize public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in protecting life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaims the week of April 13-19, 2008 as “National Public Safety Telecommunications Week” in Camden County to recognize and honor our public safety telecommunications personnel and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.

This the 7th day of April, 2008.

ATTEST:

Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

Ava J. Gurganus
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

Proclamation for County Government Week – April 6-12, 2008

National County Government Week
April 6-12, 2008

Protecting Our Children

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, many county government services directly touch the lives of children and families; and
WHEREAS, in 13 states, all or some of the counties are responsible for child welfare and foster care systems; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 children are in foster care, removed from their families, as a result of suspected abuse or neglect; and
WHEREAS, one in five girls and one in ten boys will be sexually victimized before adulthood; and
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties first celebrated National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the nation’s counties, especially in the protection and welfare of children,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2008 as National County Government Week in Camden County.

This the 7th day of April, 2008.

Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Ava Gurganus, Clerk to the Board

Budget Amendment 2007-08-BA018

2007-08-BA018
CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Revenues:			
10330590-434899	Recycling Grant	\$15,000.00	
109990-500000	Contingency		\$5,000.00
Expenses:			
105800-574302	Solid Waste Site Development	\$20,000.00	

Grant has been awarded.

This will result in a decrease of \$5,000.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.

Balance in Contingency \$44,508.00

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 7th day of April, 2008.

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Introduce & Set Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2008-04-02 – An Amendment to the Camden County Zoning Map – UDO 2008-03-095 for April 21, 2008

- End of Consent Agenda

Old Business - Revised Sketch Plan for “The Reserve at Wharf’s Landing – 117 Lot Major Subdivision – UDO 2007-10-06

At the Commissioners meeting on January 22, 2008, a Public Hearing was held on Camden Square and Associates rezoning and a Public Meeting was held on the Sketch Plan for The Reserve at Wharfs Landing. Both applications were tabled until the February 18, 2008 meeting where the rezoning application failed due to no motion being taken. The Sketch Plan was not acted on as it did not meet current zoning standards.

A revised Sketch Plan for the Reserve at Wharfs Landing with updated staff's Findings of Facts for the portion of the property that is currently zoned Basic Residential (R3-1) was provided to the Commissioners. All recommendations listed in the Findings of Facts were based on the Planning Board's, citizens, and the Commissioners input at the public meeting.

At the February Planning Board meeting, staff asked the Planning Board if they desired to see the updated Sketch Plan. The consensus was that since they had recommended the overall plan, their recommendation for approval should stand for an amended plan that eliminates the property not approved for rezoning, and does not propose major modifications to design and is recommended with two (2) conditions: 1. Based on the Health Department letter and in accordance with Article 151.233, applicant shall provide at Preliminary Plat approval letter for on-site septic systems from Albemarle Regional Health Services for all lots, and, 2. Prior to submission of Preliminary Plat application shall have an approval letter from South Mills Water Association for the provision of water.

The following recommendations were taken from input from the Commissioners and public at the January 22, 2008 public meeting:

1. Prior to preliminary plat all roads in existing Wharf's Landing shall be accepted by NCDOT under state road maintenance.
2. Applicant shall provide at preliminary plat a schedule of development of the Commercial Area tied into the proposed subdivision phasing.
3. Applicant shall address the impacts on County services (i.e. school, fire, police) at preliminary plat.
4. In accordance with Article 151.232(I) for recreational land, county will accept payment of the amount of money equal to the value of approximately four (4) acres as it would be appraised following its subdivision.
5. Due to the layout of roads and possible safety concerns, recommended proposed phasing start at the rear of the property and work forward.
6. Applicant shall provide road inter-connectivity to adjacent properties.

John T. Outten, Director of Development for Wharf's Landing, submitted a written response to the recommendations added to the Finding of Facts based on public input received at the public meeting.

Commissioner Mike Andrews requested additional information:

1. From county staff: all documentation from the inception of Wharf's Landing; if the original conditions have been met by Wharf's Landing; list of original requirements; and any problems that have been encountered.
2. Date new drainage ditch was dug up to US17.
3. What plans Wharf's Landing has for bringing the roads up to NCDOT standard.
4. Schedule for commercial business – asked why commercial business area is not developed with its own septic system.
5. Requested all county records, including attorney fees paid to H.T. Mullen.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds referred to the *Findings of Facts*, 7. *Location of Property: Behind Existing Wharf's Landing Subdivision with some property off Keeter Barn Road*, and stated that he thought it was determined at the last meeting that there was not another access, and according to the maps there is not another access shown on Keeter Barn Road.

Planning Director Dan Porter stated it was a situation where staff took the previous Finding of Facts and modified them; none of the property on the current sketch plan adjoins Keeter Barn Road. That is one of the reasons why staff is suggesting that there be some provisions with interconnectivity with the parcels between. Mr. Porter further stated that Commissioner Melvin Jeralds was correct.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds referred to the recommendations under the *Technical Review Staff*, which shows no response from Dominion Power and stated it was his understanding that Albemarle EMC was going to furnish the power to that area and why were they not contacted.

Mr. Porter stated that he believed that Albemarle EMC was contacted and met with them and they were at the Technical Review Committee.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds referred to the letter from Mr. Outten dated March 28, 2008, second paragraph relating to the issues of concerns; “*we are further concerned that should these recommendations be accepted by the Board that the County has no authority by its’ ordinance to require us to adhere to them.*” Commissioner Melvin Jeralds asked Mr. Porter if it was his recommendation that Mr. Outten submit the letter to the Board and entered into the record as part of the *Finding of Facts*.

Mr. Porter stated he asked Mr. Outten to present a letter of his concerns regarding staff recommendations so he would have a chance to address the concerns.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds inquired that if the Commissioners approved the Revised Sketch Plan as staff recommended, then the letter from Mr. Outten would become part of the record.

Mr. Porter stated that Commissioner Melvin Jeralds was correct, and it is appropriate if the Commissioners feel that any of additional six (6) items are of concern, then the Commissioner might want to include those as conditions of approval of the sketch plan.

Commissioner Mike Andrews inquired regarding clear cutting lots prior to development and asked for certified documents stating that this land was cleared prior to the inception of state laws.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called upon Wharf’s Landing representative Attorney Ike McRee.

Attorney Ike McRee stated that Engineer Eddie Hyman of Hyman and Robey was present and can answer any technical questions. Attorney McRee stated that the main point was that this is a sketch plan; a conceptual design plan. And that the issues that have been raised will be addressed at the quasi-judicial evidentiary proceeding to determine whether a special use permit should be issued for the preliminary plat and at that time reasonable conditions can be placed upon the use of this land. Attorney McRee encouraged the Board to look at this matter as conceptual and approve the sketch plan with the conditions as recommended by the staff so that the applicant can move forward with an engineering plan that would address the issues and concerns that have been raised.

Hearing no objections, Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings placed this on the April 21, 2008 agenda for a full Board vote and to allow further time to study the matter.

Old Business - French/West/Vaughan Contract

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to approve the public relations contract for the Navy OLF project with French/West/Vaughan at \$6,000.00 per month for three (3) months. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

New Business - Central Carolina Holdings - Scrap Tire Recycling & Disposal Contract

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve the scrap tire recycling and disposal contract with Central Carolina Holdings for two (2) years at \$1,100.00 per load. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

New Business - Albemarle Jail Project – Resolution No. 2008-04-01 - Resolution Approving Certain Documents Concerning The Financing of a New Regional Confinement Facility and Approving Certain Actions In Connection Therewith

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-04-01 for the \$12m refinancing of the Albemarle District Jail Project. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden, North Carolina, was held in the Historic Courthouse, in Camden, North Carolina at 8:00 A.M. on April 7, 2008.

Present: Chairman Jeffrey B. Jennings, presiding, and Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison and Mike Andrews.

Absent: Commissioner Sandy Duckwall.

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Chairman Jeffrey Jennings introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

Resolution No. 2008-04-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE
FINANCING OF A NEW REGIONAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY AND
APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the County of Camden, North Carolina (the "County"), is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the "State"), under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, Pasquotank County, North Carolina and Perquimans County, North Carolina (collectively, the "Participating Counties") have determined to participate in an undertaking, pursuant to Section 153A-219 and Chapter 160A, Article 20, Part 1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, to finance a portion of the cost of a project to provide improved regional or district jail or confinement facilities for housing prisoners from the Participating Counties and, in order to execute such undertaking, entered into an Intercounty Agreement Concerning a New Regional Confinement Facility, dated November 17, 2006 (the "Intercounty Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, such project consists of the construction of a jail and related site improvements on approximately 15 acres of land owned by Pasquotank County in Pasquotank Commerce Park and the acquisition of furnishings and equipment therefor (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Intercounty Agreement, Pasquotank County financed a portion of the cost of the Project by entering into an Installment Financing Contract with RBC Centura Bank ("RBC"), dated November 21, 2006 (the "RBC Contract"), and financed another portion of the cost of the Project by entering into an Installment Financing Contract with Bank of America, N.A. ("BofA"), dated February 15, 2007 (the "BofA Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County and BofA desire to modify the BofA Contract to extend its term, to change the rate at which interest is payable from a fixed rate of interest to a variable rate of interest and to make certain related changes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Intercounty Agreement, it is now necessary or advisable for the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") to approve certain documents and to approve certain actions in connection with modifying the BofA Contract; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented for consideration by the Board copies of the following documents relating to such matter:

(a) a draft of a Modification Agreement, dated April 14, 2008 and between Pasquotank County and BofA (the "Modification Agreement"), which would extend the term of the BofA Contract from April 15, 2008 to July 1, 2009, change the rate at which interest is payable by Pasquotank County to BofA under the BofA Contract from a fixed rate of interest to a variable rate of interest and make certain related changes; and

(b) a draft of an Amendment to Escrow Deposit Agreement, dated April 14, 2008 and among Pasquotank County, RBC, BofA and RBC Centura Bank as escrow agent (the "Amendment to Escrow Deposit Agreement"), which would amend an Escrow Deposit Agreement, dated February 15, 2007 and among such parties, that provides for the investment and disbursement of the proceeds of each of the RBC Contract and the BofA Contract so that such Escrow Deposit Agreement refers to the BofA Contract, as modified by the Modification Agreement; and

(c) a draft of an Amendment to Intercreditor Agreement, dated April 14, 2008 and among RBC, BofA and Pasquotank County (the "Amendment to Intercreditor Agreement"), which would amend an Intercreditor Agreement, dated February 15, 2007 and among such parties, that provides for the relative rights and duties of such parties with respect to certain provisions of the RBC Contract and the BofA

Contract so that such Intercreditor Agreement refers to the BofA Contract, as modified by the Modification Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Insofar as they are applicable to the County, the terms and provisions of the Modification Agreement, the Amendment to Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Amendment to Intercreditor Agreement are hereby approved in all respects.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the actions of the County Manager and the County Attorney of the County in connection with this matter.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings.

Noes: None.

New Business - Request for Assistance - Highway 17 Transportation Association

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated this was a budgetary issue and directed staff to bring back the request at the budget workshop.

New Business - Request for Assistance - Stormwater Lobbyist Representation – Beaufort & Washington Counties

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to Beaufort County for assistance for a stormwater lobbyist. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

New Business - Introduce & Set Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 2008-04-01 – Rezoning Application Camden Plantation Properties Inc. – UDO 2007-10-06 for April 21, 2008

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated that he needed more time for further study of the information provided and hearing no objections, Chairman Jeffrey Jennings so ordered Ordinance No. 2008-04-01 be on the May 5, 2008 agenda.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds requested that each Commissioner receive a copy of the land use plan.

New Business - Report From Attorney – Washington, DC Trip

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called upon County Attorney John Morrison for a report on the recent three (3) day trip to Washington, DC to voice opposition of the Navy OLF with Commissioner Sandy Duckwall, County Manager Randell Woodruff, Gates County Manager Melissa Hoggard, Currituck Commissioner Gene Gregory, and Charlotte Underwood.

Attorney Morrison stated that no one that they talked to in the North Carolina Delegation thought the Navy OLF was coming to Camden County because of our strong opposition and the fact that the OLF did not have the support of the Congressional Delegation. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy would not make a statement such as that but indicated that Camden would have to go through the two and one half (2-1/2) years evaluation process. Everyone was very polite. It was unanimously the opinion of the North Carolina Delegation, both United States Senators, Congressman Jones, Congressman Butterfield, Congressman Price's staff, Congressman Etheridge, that Camden is on the OLF list because the Governor put Camden on the list. No one in Washington and no one in the Navy suggested Camden County. Discussion was held at great length with the public relations firm what the concerns were and they helped reduce to four (4) talking points and the points were presented; dealing with the economy, unfairness, safety issues and environmental concerns. When meeting with Senator McCain's staff, they pointed out that it is extremely important that we get across to the Navy that despite these issues that we have concern with, we do not want the OLF under any circumstances and just do not want it period. That point was made clear during the meeting with the Secretary of the Navy.

French/West/Vaughan has requested a delegation of three (3) to train on how to deal with the press on this issue. Attorney Morrison stated the County Manager has suggested himself, Commissioner Sandy Duckwall and Attorney Morrison.

Charlotte Underwood stated that more trips to Washington, more trips to Raleigh were necessary because people did listen and gave their time.

Attorney John Morrison stated the officials were accessible and cordial.

South Camden Water & Sewer District Board of Directors

During the regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Jeffrey Jennings recessed the regular meeting and called the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Member Melvin Jeralds made a motion to adjourn the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting at 9:24 a.m. The motion passed with Members Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings reconvened the Commissioners meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Commissioner's Report

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated that the Jail Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to approve the extension of the \$12 million loan with RBC Centura on the jail project.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Randell Woodruff reported on the following:

- County Government Week – *Protecting Our Children* theme; will be highlighting Social Services and other agencies who work with children, students will visit from Camden High School.
- In the process of scheduling meeting with Senator Basnight, Representative Owens, Attorney General Cooper, Eddie Thompson and Ellis Atkins regarding OLF.
- Attended 21st Century meeting in Raleigh.
- Working with Pat Cabe from Golden Leaf Foundation the upcoming week.
- Register of Deeds project going well; completion date is late July.
- Quarterly Joint meeting with South Mills Water Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Closed Session

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of consultation with attorney and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property for School Administration Office – Thornley Property. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 9:29 a.m.

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 9:38 a.m.

Other Matters

- Discussion was held regarding blocking of public access to the Boat Ramp on Shipyard Road and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings asked the County Manager to call Gretchen Bryum of NCDOT.

Media Contracts for OLF

- Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to delegate Commissioner Sandy Duckwall, Attorney John Morrison and County Manager Randell Woodruff as contacts and spokespersons to the media. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to amend the agenda to add *Item 6. F. Discussion of Cuthrell House*. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to surplus the Cuthrell House located at 109 NC343 Highway North, and put on the market for \$550,000.00 with the right to refuse any and all bids. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Work Session – Capital Improvement Plan

County Manager Randell Woodruff presented the FY2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan for the Board's review before a work session is scheduled at the end of April.

Commissioner Mike Andrews asked that the Board consider a recreation center, ball field and playground.

Adjournment

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Sandy Duckwall absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ava Gurganus
Clerk to the Board